the public service on account of chronic indebtedness referred to in Rule 61 of *the Cochin Standing Orders* during the year 1104;

(b) how many cases of chronic indebtedness have been brought to the notice of the Government in 1104 and who were they?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) From the reports so far received it is seen that there has been no case of removal.

(b) The following cases of chronic indebtedness have been brought to notice:

1. Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar, Senior Assistant Comptroller of Accounts.
2. M. Velayudhan Nayar, Delayath, Excise Superintendent's Office.
3. O. N. Sankara Pillai, Head Compositor, Government Press.
4. K. A. Raphael, Assistant Type-caster, Government Press.
5. C. Ponnu Menon, Parvathiam, Chittur.
6. M. Krishna Menon, Menon, Punithura.
7. K. Padmanabha Menon, Ag. Parvathiam, Cheranellur.
8. C. Kunjunni Elayedom, Menon, Rameswaram.
9. C. V. Joseph, Parvathiam, Kumbalanghi.
10. T. Parukutty Amma, Teacher.
11. K. Parameswara Menon, Malayalam Pandit.
12. W. Lakshmikutti Ammal, Music Mistress.
13. A. Krishnan Nayar, Masapadi.

N. B. No. 1 has since discharged his liabilities.

New Park at Ernakulam.

126. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the name proposed to be given to the new park that is being constructed in front of the public buildings on the beach at Ernakulam;

(b) was there any correspondence about this matter by the Government, if so, what is it and what is the reply?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) "Irwin Park."

(b) 1. Yes.

2. Permission was applied for to give the name 'Irwin Park' and a favourable answer was received.

Kuthampilli Weavers' Co-operative Society.

127. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(1) when was Kuthampilli Weavers' Co-operative Society registered as such;

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(2) the total amount granted as loan to the Society ;

(3) the cost of cloth purchased from the Society at the Museum ;

(4) under whose supervision was the work of the Society conducted ;

(5) was the loan granted solely on the undertaking of the Society or had the Government any hand in the management of the Society ;

(6) did Mr. Subbuswami Ayyar have an upper hand in the management of the Society ;

(7) who got down yarn and other materials from Madras, Mr. Subbuswami Ayyar or the Society ;

(8) what was the market rate of yarn purchased by the Society ;

(9) is there any difference between the market rate of yarn and the cost incurred by the Society ;

(10) is it a fact that the cloth manufactured by the Society could not be sold readily owing to its high cost ;

(11) what was the reason for the delay in disposing of the stock at the Museum—lack of purchasers or high price;

(12) did Mr. Subbuswami Ayyar or the Society appoint Agents at Mysore and other places for the sale of cloth manufactured by the Society ;

(13) have the Agents paid the whole of their dues to the Society ;

(14) did the Society pay off the loan granted by the Government; if not, how much was paid up-to-date ;

(15) is it a fact that the Secretary of the Society, with the help of the Co-operative Inspector, induced the members to sign documents thereby binding them, without their knowledge, to pay interest at 36% on arrears ;

(16) is it a fact that these documents were drawn up in Malayalam and the members who signed these knew not Malayalam ;

(17) did the members of the Society approach the Diwan and the Diwan Peishkar and explain the whole affair and request the Diwan to make a local enquiry and redress their grievances ;

(18) have they realised that this Society had been the cause of ruin to several families among the premier weavers of our State?

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(1) 11th Kumbham 1096.

(2) Rs. 15,000.

(3) Rs. 11,744—4—1.

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(4) The Superintendent of Industries till 3rd June 1922. After this period, the Co-operative Department had the exclusive control.

(5) The loan was granted to the Society on their responsibility.

(6) No. He only supervised the working of the Society.

(7) The Society through the Superintendent of Industries.

(8) Not possible to find out.

(9) Vide answer to (8).

(10) To some extent, it is so.

(11) Both.

(12) Yes.

(13) No.

(14) No. Only Rs. 9,406—7—6. Out of Rs. 15,000 advanced.

(15) No; bonds were obtained as per a resolution of the General Body Meeting of the Society.

(16) The documents were drawn up in Malayalam. As to the second part to the question the point has not been thought necessary to be ascertained.

(17) Yes.

(18) No enquiry has been instituted to ascertain the true Tacts.

Transfer of management of the Leper Asylum.

128. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there are any proposals to hand over the management, etc., of the Leper Asylum to any private agency;

(b) if so, what are the proposals and who is the agency;

(c) has the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer made any report regarding the same; if so, will a copy be placed on the Table;

(d) names of Government institutions, if any, whose management has been handed over to private agencies?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal is to hand over the management of the Asylum to a philanthropic body like that of the Medical Branch of the Salvation Army. Also it is being considered whether the Government themselves should manage it.

(c) Yes; no purpose would be served by placing the report on the Table now.

(d) The Pulaya Colony at Chalakkudi and the Nayadi Colony at Kunnamkulam are insatnces in point.

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